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covers about 700 employees in the newspaper's advertising, circulation, library, news and promotion departments.

The contract provides minimum annual pay increases of \$14 a week and substantially higher mileage rates for most employees who drive on business. It also institutes a family vision-care plan.

The contract establishes a labor-management oversight council to address many issues. The new pact takes effect next Tuesday.

**Weyerhaeuser fine in release of chlorine to aid rescue units**

LONGVIEW — Weyerhaeuser has agreed to pay \$178,000 in fines as a result of a major chlorine release at its Longview mill in July 1994.

Most of the money — \$110,000 — will go to local emergency response agencies, which will use much of it for hazardous materials training. The \$68,000 balance goes to the federal Treasury.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had fined Weyerhaeuser \$225,000 for leaking 4,200 pounds of the corrosive gas that wafted over the Longview-Kelso area and for not immediately notifying local, state and federal authorities as required by U.S. law.

"We are pleased that a significant portion of the civil penalty will go toward improving the community's planning and response," said John Walkush, Weyerhaeuser's local mill manager and vice president.

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